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## The City of Midland - Going Above and Beyond

Below are highlights of the many achievements of City employees/departments in 2014. For a list of current year achievements, or to recount a positive experience you've had with a City worker or department, visit the [Above & Beyond Homepage](#).

\*Achievements are in chronological order, with the most recent listed first.

**BEST PLACE TO LIVE** (June 26, 2014) Midland was named one of the top 10 best places to live in Michigan. [Click here to find out more.](#)

**MIDLAND DIVERSE** (April 11, 2014) Movoto rated Midland third out of 100 Michigan communities studied for their [diversity in age, race, education, and income](#).



**SUPPORT OF PARKS AND RECREATION** (March 21, 2014) Midland Parks and Recreation's Beautification Advisory Committee received the Community Service Award from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association for providing outstanding support to public recreation and park programs in their community.

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE FOR CITIES** (March 19, 2014) The Michigan Municipal League recognized the City of Midland with its annual [Outstanding Service Award](#),

praising the City for going above and beyond to facilitate discussions with key legislators on a threat to eliminate the federal tax exemption on municipal bonds. The MML indicated the City of Midland's efforts had a direct impact on the fiscal health of cities across the country.

**ONE OF 50 SAFEST COMMUNITIES IN STATE** (March 3, 2014) Midland was once again recognized for its low crime rates - this time, in our home state. SafeWise, a security resource service, ranked [Midland the 14th safest city in Michigan](#). Cities were rated according to 2012 FBI crime statistics.

**GREAT CITY FOR MIDDLE CLASS** (February 26, 2014) CNNMoney named Midland County a community where the [middle class thrives](#). The recognition was given to only eight communities across the U.S., and was determined based on unemployment numbers, affordability of housing, income levels, safety of the community, and more.

**NATIONAL SAFE CITY DESIGNATION** (January 2014) For the second year, Midland was named [one of America's top 100 safest cities](#) by NeighborhoodScout, a neighborhood search engine that studies statistics to determine best places to live, run a business, go to school, or find amenities for your needs and interests. The Safest list is based on the total number of property and violent crimes per 1,000 residents.

